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Via email: 73041-75867951@requests.muckrock.com

Re: HQ-2019-00934-F

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer:

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

Reports, memos, documents, analyses of alternatives, or other records that consider, explain, and justify the arguments and decision to promulgate in the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review--and after--an 80 plutonium pit manufacturing requirement by 2030 for the US nuclear weapon complex. In other words, records that would permit me to understand the range of intra-/inter- agency stockholder opinions and arguments as well as the technical, logical, economic, strategic, and political basis for understanding the choice of 80 pits. You may restrict your search for records to the period between and including 01/01/2016 and 05/01/2019. Please also include records relating to the choice of Savannah River as a pit manufacturing site also.

For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(2), as an "educational" requester. Requesters in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost. Additionally, as you have requested, we will notify you in advance if fees are expected to exceed thirty dollars (\$30).

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955 or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.



Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications with DOE about the request. If you have questions regarding the processing of your request or this letter, please contact Mr. Craig Greenberg, in this office at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at (202) 586-7504.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Morris', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alexander C. Morris  
FOIA Officer  
Office of Public Information